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CENTER BEAM CAR WITH DEEP UPPER BEAM

STRUCTURE

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

This letter is responsive to the Office Action of June 2, 2005, and is timely filed before the due date of July 5, 2005.

- 1) <u>Amendments to the Description</u>: Begin on page 2.
- 2) <u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- 3) <u>Amendments to the Drawings</u>: None
- 4) <u>Remarks</u> begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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